

What is claimed is:

1. A method of controlling the speed of a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

    maintaining a desired speed for a resumption of the control stored in a memory after a deactivation of the control;

5       for said resumption of said control, determining the type of roadway upon which said vehicle is traveling with respect to a permissible maximum speed; and,

    limiting said desired speed to said permissible maximum speed when resuming said control.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein a navigation device is used to determine said type of roadway.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said type of roadway is determined in dependence upon a curve radius of said roadway.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said curve radius is determined from a comparison of at least two wheel speeds of said vehicle and/or with a steering angle sensor.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said type of roadway is determined in dependence upon the actual driving speed.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said type of roadway is determined in dependence upon a maximum driving speed reached since at least a pre-given time after deactivation of said control.